



I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: June 12, 2006

Signature:

*Dennis M. Smid*  
(Dennis M. Smid)

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Group Art Unit: 2839

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-1057

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Kaneda et al.

Application No.: 10/768,786

Filed: January 30, 2004

For: PLUG ATTACHING MECHANISM

:  
:  
:  
:  
: Group Art Unit: 2839  
:  
:  
:  
: Examiner: T. T. T. Le  
:  
:  
:

**AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1 and 2, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: